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Anticipated Classification
of This Application:
Class Subclass

Prior Application:
Examiner D. NOLAN
Art Unit 2641

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a:

continuation application

divisional application

pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/361,094 filed July 26, 1999,
by Hiromi Okitsu

(inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

for INFORMATION APPARATUS FOR DISPATCHING OUTPUT PHRASE TO
REMOTE TERMINAL IN RESPONSE TO INPUT SOUND.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the declaration and power of attorney and assignment as originally filed.

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/361,094 as originally filed July 26, 1999, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.

2. [X] The filing fee is calculated below for claims remaining after entry of the accompanying Preliminary Amendment:

| | (Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMEND. | | (Col. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREV. PAID FOR | (Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA | SMALL ENTITY ADDTL RATE FEE | SMALL ENTITY ADDTL FEE DUE | | LARGE ENTITY ADDTL RATE FEE | LARGE ENTITY ADDTL FEE DUE |
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| TOTAL | 9 | Minus | 20 | 0 | X 9 | \$ | O R | X 18 | \$ |
| IND. CLAIMS | 5 | Minus | 3 | • | X 42 | \$ | O R | X 84 | \$168 |
| <u> </u> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | | | | + 135 | \$ | O R | + 270 | \$ | |
| TOTAL | | | | | \$ | | | | \$908 |

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space. The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box on Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

3. [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 03-3975. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

4. [X] A check in the amount of \$ 908 is enclosed.

5. [X] Cancel in this application original claim(s) 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, and 12 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

6. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a continuation of application serial No. 09/361,094 filed July 26, 1999 --

7a. [X] Amended drawings of Figs. 1 and 2 are enclosed.

7b. [X] Priority of application No.:

10-219309 filed August 3, 1998, in Japan is claimed under 35 USC §119.

7c. [X] The certified copy of the priority application was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/361,094, filed July 26, 1999.

8. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to: YAMAHA CORPORATION.

9. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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- a. [X] The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. [] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. [X] Address all future communications to:

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10a. [X] A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

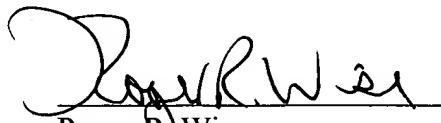
10b. [] A separate check for \$ _____ is enclosed to cover additional claims added by the preliminary amendment.

11. [] Enclosed find the following declaration(s) in support of Small Entity status for this application:

- [] Inventor(s).
- [] Individual other than inventor.
- [] Nonprofit organization.
- [] Small business concern.

12. [] The statement(s) of Small Entity Status filed in the prior application is (are) still proper.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger R. Wise
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Dated: October 18, 2001

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Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that

- Letter of transmittal
- Check in the amount of \$908 filing fee.
- Copy of original filed patent application (41 pages of specification; 13 claims; 1 page of abstract; 3 sheets of drawings; Declaration (2-pages) and Assignment)
- Amended Figs. 1 and 2 of drawings
- Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement with 7 references
- Return postcard

are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service with sufficient postage under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to:

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